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New year will see 26th Tribal Council

Tribal members this spring will elect the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Within the next several weeks, members will be notified of the dates for the Council candidate nominating meetings.

The Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council will then be sworn in to office around the beginning of May. Council member terms (except for those of the chiefs) are for three years. Current Council members are:

Simnasho District: J.P. Olney Patt Jr., vice chairman Ron Suppah, Raymond Tsumpti, and Warm

Springs Delvis Heath Sr.

Agency District: Chairman Stanley "Buck" Smith, Austin Greene, Lola Sohapp, and Wasco Chief Alfred Smith Jr.

Seekseekqua District: Reuben Henry and Scott Moses, and Paiute Chief Joe Moses.

There are about 3,070 members who will be qualified to vote in the election. Tribal members 21 and older, or married, have the right to vote in the Council election.

The Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council will contend with the serious fi-

nancial circumstances facing the Confederated Tribes.

The current Tribal Council has set aside Jan. 24-25 for consideration of the future finances of the tribes, as a way of planning the transition to the next Council.

The agenda on those days may also include consideration of the idea of having the Tribal Council positions as paid positions. The current policy is that a person elected to Tribal Council keeps his or her job while serving on Council. A reasonable alternative to this could be

to pay a salary to those who are serv-

ing on Council. Other upcoming items:

Tribal Council on Monday, Jan. 14, will consider the recommendations for judgeships on the tribal Appeals Court.

Council on Tuesday, Jan. 15, will meet with tribal enterprise representatives. This is part of the effort to determine and guide future tribal finances.

Tribal Council this week is meeting with the Fish and Wildlife Committee at Kah-Nee-Ta.

— Dave McMechan

American Legion Post opening

Veterans and their families are invited to the Warm Springs Veterans Hall next week, for the opening of the American Legion Post 48.

The dedication of the post is set for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15. The American Legion Post will be housed in the Veterans Hall with the VFW Post 4217.

The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service-members and veterans.

The American Legion Post 48 will be holding their regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The VFW Post 4217 regular meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

The tribal Veterans Services Officer is Keith Baker. His office is at the Veterans Hall. Current day and hours in office are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each week.

The telephone number at the Veterans Hall is 541-615-0347. The telephone number for the tribal Veterans Service Office is 541-615-0348. The invitation to the January 15 American Legion Post opening includes widows and family members of veterans that have passed on. Bring a dish for potluck dinner.

Miss Warm Springs Pageant coming up

The 2013 Miss Warm Springs Pageant will be held on the evening of January 23 at the Agency Longhouse. As of earlier this week, there were at least four contestants planning to compete in the pageant.

That is the most number of contestants for the past several years of the pageant, said Bridgette Scott, who is helping to organize the event.

The evening begins with dinner at 6 p.m. and the pageant at 7. The contestants are judged in a variety of categories:

There is a question and answer session, to determine each contestant's knowledge of the res-



The 2013 Miss Warm Springs Crown and banner by Carol Dick.

ervation and the contestant's tribe, traditional foods, ceremonies, clothing, crafts and social activities, and tribal history.

Other judging categories are the candidates' poise and personality, beauty and appearance, and skill at a traditional activity such as cooking, dancing, drumming, language etc.

The winner of the pageant represents the tribes at many events in Indian Country during the year.

At the pageant this month, Miss Warm Springs 2012 Chloe Lynn Suppah will crown the winner of the 2013 pageant.

School design meeting in Simnasho next week

The design of the Warm Springs k-8 school will be discussed at a community meeting in Simnasho on Thursday, Jan. 17, starting at 6 p.m.

The architects, BBT Architects of Bend, recently provided the most recent design concept.

You can see the design drawings on KWSO's Facebook page, and comment on the proposal at the

January 17 meeting.

A design team has been working for the past couple of months with architects, the project manager, and the Office of the Chief Operations Officer. The team has met with the membership to gather input, and will continue this process next week at Simnasho.

Construction work on the school

is set to start in the spring.

The construction timeline is a little more than one year, with the school opening at the start of the 2014 school year.

During construction, as many as 200 local jobs will be created, of varying durations. Warm Springs Job Creation and Development is helping to coordinate hiring for jobs

at the construction site. Their office is located on campus at the corner of Paiute and Wasco streets; or call 541-553-3409.

The school site is at East Tenino and Chukar roads. The design concept includes the main building, a sports field, two parking lots, an exercise path around the 20-acre site.

Garbage pick-up to continue

Tribal Council met Monday and voted to restore garbage pick up service on the reservation at no cost to Warm Springs residents.

It was announced at a General Council meeting late last year that due to a cut to the Utilities budget they could no longer provide free garbage pickup service to residents and tribal departments.

The change took place on January 1; but Council this week voted to restore the service.

In the week prior to this decision, Sanitation staff were removing dumpsters from departments and placing them in central locations for public use.

"For a little while people will have to be patient," said Nancy Collins, tribal Sanitarian, "as we are not going to get back to residential service today. It's going to take us a little while to get things put back in place and get the routes set back up." People who have already paid for garbage service will be refunded. For more information call 541-553-4943

— Yvonne Iverson

Snow slide

The kids took advantage of the wintery weather conditions recently, using the hill next to the Community Center for sledding during their break from school.

The snow lasted through the 509-J school district's winter break. The sled run evolved each day with added jumps and became faster with overnight temperatures in the teens creating an icy crust.

When the kids got cold they went into the center where Recreation was able to provide hot chocolate to warm up.

— Yvonne Iverson



Yvonne Iverson/Spilyay

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